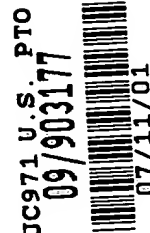


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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO : Rochester, MN 55901  
VARY FUEL PRICES FOR VEHICLES  
BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
CONSERVATION CONSIDERATIONS

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER THE ENERGY PROGRAM  
(37 C.F.R § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. 708.02, VI)**

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special as being for an invention that materially contributes to the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy.

**Accompanying material**

The current invention provides a method and an apparatus which provide regulatory agencies the ability to influence driver vehicle purchases by causing

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"desirable" vehicles to pay a lower per unit fuel price at the pump. Such vehicles could simply be those which go further on a unit of fuel. The vehicles could be those which are capable of using fuel comprised of renewable resources. The vehicles could be those of gasoline/electric hybrid design. By phasing in such a method, fuel will be conserved as vehicle buyers will be incited to purchase vehicles that qualify for lower per unit fuel prices.

**Fee**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.102(c), no fee is required for this petition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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